



# info memo – May 18, 2007

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## **City Opens Two New Parks**

Finishing touches are being made to Battle Creek Pocket Park and the new spray pad at Camino Villa Park as residents prepare for the start of summer vacation.

The small park at Battle Creek provides a playground and picnic shelter at 3200 N. Battle Creek Drive, just south of Omaha on the west side of the street.

The 3.5-acre public park in Camino Villa consists of a large playground, picnic shelter with tables and spray pool which will be operational before next weekend. The park is located in the heart of Camino Villa at 2812 E. Madison Place.

The spray pool at Camino Villa joins other city spray pad systems at Sieling Park, Haskell Park and Rockwood West. They'll all be open to the public by the Memorial Day weekend and are free of charge.

## **First Round of Hershey Track & Field This Saturday**

The first round of the Hershey Track & Field competition will be held tomorrow at South Intermediate High School. This is the fourth year for the local event, which is sponsored by the City's Parks & Recreation Department, and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the national event.

Boys and girls ages 9 to 14 will be competing at South in nine events: 100-meter dash, 200 meters, 400 meters, 800-meter run, 1600-meter run, the 4 x 100 meter relay, standing long jump and softball throw. Youngsters can compete in a total of three events.

The top two placers in Broken Arrow will qualify for the state meet on June 16th in Norman. State winners will have their times and distances entered in a regional pool and become eligible for selection to a Regional Team, which will travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania for the North American Final, Aug. 2nd-5th.

## **Registration Continues for Swim Classes**

For the first time, swimming classes will be offered in two of the city's main pools, which should result in the largest enrollment ever for the lessons. Registration is underway for the classes, with a cost of \$40 for each two-week session.

This year, morning classes will be provided at the Country Aire Pool (100 N. Fir) and evening classes at the Family Aquatic Center in Central Park.

The first round of classes begins June 12th and continue through June 22nd, four days each week. The second sessions run from June 26th - July 6th, with the third following from July 10th - 20th and the final sessions July 24th - Aug. 3rd. Starting times for the morning classes at Country Aire are 8:45, 9:35, 10:25 and 11:25. Evening classes at the FAC will begin at 6:30 and 7:20.

Registration can be made at 355-0287 or in person at either the Central Park Community Center (1500 S. Main) or the Nienhuis Park Community Center (3201 N. 9<sup>th</sup>). The Parks & Recreation Office at 485 N. Poplar will also accept registrations. On-line registrations can be made through Webtrac on the City's website ([www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov)), with a link from the home page. Complete information on skill levels is also provided on-line.

## **City Swim Season Begins May 26th**

The new Nienhuis Aquatic Center will be introduced to the public Saturday, May 26th, as the 2007 summer swimming season begins at city pools.

All three city pools (Nienhuis, the Family Aquatic Center in Central Park and Country Aire Pool) will open Saturday and will remain open over the Memorial Day holiday weekend before going to normal summer schedules.

Nienhuis Park is located at 3201 N. 9<sup>th</sup> (on the east side of Lynn Lane between Omaha and Albany). The Nienhuis Community Center and gymnasiums are completed and open, with the pool opening May 26th and the SkatePark still under construction and due to open later this year.

Nienhuis AC is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays (closed on Wednesdays), and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 6 p.m. Sundays. The other two City pools have the same weekend hours. The FAC is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and closed Mondays. Country Aire is open 1 to 8 p.m. weekdays (closed Tuesdays).

Individual sessions at the FAC and NAC are \$3 for those 3 to 11 and senior citizens; \$4 for those 12 and older. At Country Aire, the costs are \$3 for 12 and up and \$2 for children 3 to 11 and senior citizens. Season passes for individuals and for families are available at the community centers or on-line.